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Fire Incident Number: 21-0067672

Incident Commander: Captain Luis Manzano

Incident Type: Large Vehicle Fire

Date/Time of Incident: 08/10/2021, 1025

Incident Location: 100 block of Peking St and 5200 block of Colt St, Ventura, Ca

Cause/Origin: Undetermined Injuries Reported: Two civilian

Units Committed On-Scene: 3 Medic Engines, 1 Battalion Chief

Total Fire Personnel On-Scene: 10

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department

Narrative: On the above date and time the Ventura County Fire Communication Center received multiple 911 calls of a large vehicle fire in the 100 block of Peking St. A fire response was dispatched to the area and the first fire resource on scene reported a large trash truck with light smoke coming from the trash containment area of the vehicle. The trash truck was moved to the 5200 block of Colt St to ensure that life and property was not affected, and fire resources initiated a quick and aggressive fire attack using multiple hose lines. Prioritization of a quick and aggressive fire attack reduced the threat of flame impingement on a large CNG (compressed natural gas) tank that was located on the top of the trash truck. Fire resources remained on scene for approximately 2 hours to complete firefighting operations and perform a fire cause investigation. Upon further investigation, the cause of the fire was undetermined, but the contents of the trash truck contributed to the fire spread. Two civilian workers reported injuries at the time of the incident, and both were treated and released on scene.

No public safety personnel were reported during this incident and property loss was limited to the rear of the trash truck only.